Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount sanctioned
	2005-06	
1.	Development of Gopalpur-on-Sea (Distt. Ganjam)	331.43
2.	Development of Sakhi Gopal (Distt. Puri)	294.04
3.	Development of Taptapani in Distt Ganjam as Tourist Destination	500.00
4.	Development of Chilka Lake in Distt. Puri and Ganjam as Tourist Destination	389.05
5.	Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit Bhubaneswar-Dhauli-Puri-Konark	720.09
6.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Khiching, Distt. Mayurbhanj	50.00
7.	Shreekshetra Festival at Puri	15.00
8.	Prui Beach Festival, 2005	4.00
9.	Konark Festival, 2005	3.00
10.	Rajrani Festival, 2005 at Bhubaneswar	3.00
	TOTAL	230961

Star Hotels in Orissa

158. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa has signed an MoU with a Hotel Company for setting up Star hotels in the State to boost tourism in this heritage regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) what is the action plan of the Centre to help this backward State in their initiative to improve the ecomomy of this region?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Three MoU's have been signed between Govt. of Orissa and M/s Roots Corporation Ltd., Mumbai, M/s Laxmi Franklin Hospitality Pvt. Baroda (Gujarat) and M/s UMAK Investment Company Ltd., New Delhi for setting up Star Hotels in Orissa.

(b) (i) M/s Roots Corporation Ltd., a subsidiary of Indian Hotesls Company Ltd. is interested to establish hotels and other tourist friendly facilities in Puri, Konark, Paradeep, Duburi and Jharsuguda. In the 1st phase they are proposing to set up India One Hotels at Bhubaneshwar, Puri, Konark and Paradeep with an investment of Rs. 40.00 Crore within 3 years.

(ii) M/s Laxmi Franklim Hospitality Pvt. Ltd., is interested to establish Star hotels at Bhubaneshwar, Puri, Konark, Paradeep, Duburi and Jharsuguda. In the 1st phase they will set up hotel at Bhubaneshwar and Puri with an investment of Rs. 20.00 Crore within 3 years.

(iii) M/s UMAK Investment company Ltd., New Delhi propose to establish star hotels at Bhubaneshwar, Puri, Konark, Paradeep, Satapada and Barkul. In the 1st phase they will invest about Rs. 110.00 Crore for establishing Star Hotels at Bhubaneshwar, Konark, Satapada and Paradeep.

(c) Ministry of Tourism has alredy prepared a 20 year perspective tourism plan for Orissa, which has been sent to the State Government for their guidance. This plan has recommended strategies for tourism promotion, product development, augmentation of infrastructure including sources of funding and implementation mechanism to help the State.

Refurbishing the surrounding of Taj Mahal

159. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that comprehensive Rs. 40 crore plan has been drawn up to refurbish the ambience surrounding the Taj Mahal at Agra, with a view to better the "Taj Mahal experience" and also to boost tourism to the historic city which has three World Heritage sites; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and the UP State Tourism Department have taken an initiative for the Revitalisation of Agra for improvement of area around the Taj Mahal in order to enhance the Visitors Experience on approaching Taj Mahal. This is aimed to ensure a